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CSM REPORTS SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM TRANSACTION

Diemen, the Netherlands, 13 October 2006 – CSM announces that it has repurchased depositary receipts of ordinary shares in CSM, as follows:

Number	Weighted average price per depositary receipt
435,000	25.9515 EUR

435,000 (cumulative)	25.9515 EUR (average cumulative)
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This transaction is part of CSM's share repurchase program which was announced on 29 September 2006 in order to further optimize the company's capital structure. It is CSM's intention to have the repurchased shares cancelled in due course.

For the execution of the share repurchase program CSM entered into a forward purchase agreement with Fortis Bank (Nederland) N.V. CSM and the bank intend to enter into a new agreement every two weeks until the repurchase program has been completed. Shortly after every two-week period CSM will publish a press release, detailing the transaction with the bank in that period.

Under the program, CSM intends to repurchase depositary receipts of shares up to a maximum amount of € 190 million, with the understanding that the number of depositary receipts to be repurchased may not exceed 7 million. The program started on 2 October 2006 and will end on 31 December 2006 at the latest. In the event that on 31 December 2006 this share repurchase program will not have been fully completed, CSM intends to launch a new repurchase program early 2007.

CSM and Fortis entered into a new forward purchase agreement covering the next two weeks.

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CSM is a global producer and distributor of bakery products and food ingredients. CSM's main product groups include bakery ingredients and products, lactic acid and lactic acid derivatives, and sugar. With these activities CSM has an annual turnover of EUR 2.6 billion and a workforce of approximately 8,300. CSM operates in Europe, the United States, Canada, Brazil, and Asia. More information: www.csm.nl.

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